GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF COCONUT FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have noticed the import of Palmolein has affected theprice of Copra and Coconut and whether any steps taken to protect the coconut farmers of Kerala;

(b) the details of steps taken to raise procurement price of Copra; and

(c) the extent to which Copra has been procured by NAFED in this year from January to October, 2000?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Prices of Copra/Coconut have been ruling lower this year compared to last year due tovarious reasons. Steps taken to protect the interest of growers, include market intervention by National Agricultural Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) and enhancement of import duties of certain edible oils.

(b): Minimum Support Price/Procurement Price is decided on the basis of recommendationsof Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, views of the State Governments and centralMinistries etc. Minimum Support Price/Procurement Price for Copra for the year 2000 was announced in April, 2000. Minimum Support Price/Procurement Price of Copra for the year2001 will be announced shortly as Report from the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices

(CACP) has already been received and circulated to the State Governments etc. for their views.

(c): National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) hasprocured 1,29,336 Metric Tonnes of Copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in the following States/U.Ts between January to October, 2000.

State/U.T.	Procurement (MTs)
Kerala	63,591
Tamil Nadu	53,600
Lakshadweep	2,004
Andhra Pradesh	8,567
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1,574
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